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1. The 1951 investment plan for the Reichsbahn provides RM-193,600,000 for line construction. Included in this is the cost of relaying the second track between Berlin and Leipzig, work on which should be completed before the Berlin World Youth Congress takes place. A large part of this double-tracking had already been accomplished in 1949 and 1950 on this stretch. The 1951 investment plan for harbors and inland waterways includes a sum of DM-42,300,000 chiefly for the repair of locks. Motor Transport will receive DM-24,000,000 investment money during 1951 for maintenance of the auto highway system. During the first quarter of 1951, these three departments of the Ministry of Transport fulfilled the 1951 investment plan to 26 percent.
2. During the month of March and up to 16 April 1951, 42 SSL (very heavy, extra long) flatcars crossed the border westbound at Frankfurt/Oder, destined for Rechlin, Falkenberg, Jüterbog-Meues Lager, Oranienburg Air Base and Trebbin. The cars were loaded each with one case 22 meters long, 7 meters wide, 3.4 meters high. Because of this over-limit sized cargo, the cars required special handling enroute. Each case was reported to contain two jet aircraft.
3. About 1,600 partly damaged freight cars are to be scrapped for the furnaces of Brandenburg and Hennigsdorf. The scrapping is being done at one of four brick and tile kilns in Herzfelde near Strausberg. This kiln has been temporarily closed down and barred to the public. About 100 high-walled, open-top cars were cut up between 16 and 21 April. Sixty more cars are expected from the area around Berlin by the end of April.
4. The Biesdorf Station yard is being expanded to accommodate increased switching activities.
5. Track for the new Berlin outer freight ring south bypass is being taken from the former private lines of Salzwedel - Stendal area and from the Neukölln-Mittenwalder Eisenbahn.
6. The head of RBD Erfurt traffic department, fnu Laiback, has been called to the Reichsbahn main offices to assist Director Lehman.
7. During the last part of April large shipments of meat from Rumania have arrived in the DDR.

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